

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0435

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS SHUM LA  
SUBJECT: INSURGENTS RAID DETENTION CAMP NEAR VIENTIANE, FREE SOME  
PRISONERS

REF VIENTIANE 0346

1. LAO SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 3 THAT INSURGENTS  
ATTACKED A DETENTION CAMP AT DONG BONG, APPROXIMATELY  
FIFTEEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF VIENTIANE (IDENTIFIED AS  
DONG BANG, REFTEL) ON FEBRUARY 28, FREEING SOME OF THE  
DETAINEES. SOURCE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM LAO  
FRIEND WHO ESCAPED DURING THE ATTACK.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT THE ATTACKING INSURGENT FORCE IS  
STILL BELIEVED TO BE IN THE DONG BONG AREA BUT THAT  
GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE NOT YET SENT TROOPS THERE. HE  
EXPLAINED THAT COMMON LPLA TACTIC OF PROLONGED  
ARTILLERY FIRE INTO A TROUBLED AREA PRIOR TO THE  
DISPATCHING OF TROOPS IS PRECLUDED IN DONG BONG BY  
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PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS SMALL VILLAGES.

3. COMMENT: DONG BONG BREAKOUT FOLLOWS BY TEN DAYS  
BREAKOUT AT KOUT SAMBAT (REFTEL). SEPARATE SOURCES  
AGREE ON DESCRIPTION OF LIGHT LPLA SECURITY AT THREE  
DETENTION CAMPS NEAR VIENTIANE (REFTEL) MAKING  
THEM VULNERABLE TO BREAKOUTS OR INSURGENT ATTACKS.

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